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HIGHLIGHTS

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in North Carolina dropped from 4.8 percent in March 1987 to 4.7 percent in April 1987. The North Carolina rate remained below the national rate of 6.3 in April 1987. Over the year, the unemployment rate was down from the year ago rate by 0.8 of a percent.

Total employment (seasonally adjusted) reached 3,112,000 in April 1987, an increase of 5,000 workers from March. The number of unemployed (seasonally adjusted) persons was down 2,000 for the month. Over the year, employment grew by 131,000, and the unemployment figures showed a decrease of 19,000.

There were 3,000 more people in North Carolina's civilian labor force (seasonally adjusted) in April 1987 than a month ago. The number in the civilian labor force stood at 3,264,000 in March and at 3,267,000 in April. The yearly increase amounted to 112,000 or a percentage increase of 3.5.

Industry employment (seasonally adjusted) grew by 3,800 from March to April 1987. The gain occurred in nonmanufacturing (+5,400) as manufacturing employment decreased (-1,600). Worker gains and losses were mixed in both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing groups. Over the year, employment in manufacturing increased by 13,100, while nonmanufacturing industries added 79,300 workers. The increase in nonmanufacturing comprised over 85 percent of the total nonagricultural employment growth (+92,400) from April 1986 to April 1987.

Over the month, weeks claimed for unemployment benefits were down in all major industry segments except textiles. Construction showed the greatest decrease of 5,086 followed by trade, down by 2,379.

The Employment Security Commission staff placed 10,329 individuals in jobs during April 1987. More than 47 percent (4,936) were placed in the manufacturing sector. The largest number of placements (11,547) was made in benchwork occupations.

The growth in the number of production workers over the month was small (+400). The largest increase in production workers from March 1987 to April 1987 was noted in the textile industry (+600). For the year, April 1986 - April 1987 the number of production workers in manufacturing was up by 10,200. Almost two-thirds of this increase occurred in the textile industry.

Production and nonsupervisory workers in the tobacco industry had the highest weekly earnings ($552.92) in April 1987. Employees in the tobacco industry worked the shortest workweek, (36.4 hours) and were paid the highest hourly rate, $15.19. In nonmanufacturing the highest hourly earnings, $12.21, were paid to workers in communication and electric, gas, and sanitary services. Nonsupervisory workers in hotels and other lodging places were the lowest paid at $4.75 an hour.

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

April 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: November 1986 to April 1987					
	Apr. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,740	4,785	4,792	4,802	4,809	4,816	4,822
Civilian Labor Force	3,155	3,201	3,221	3,271	3,290	3,264	3,267
Participation Rate 1/	66.6	66.9	67.2	68.1	68.4	67.8	67.8
Employed	2,981	3,029	3,048	3,115	3,122	3,107	3,112
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.9	63.3	63.6	64.9	64.9	64.5	64.5
Unemployed	174	172	173	156	168	157	155
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.7
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: February 1987 to April 1987		
	Apr. 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,740	4,809	4,816	4,822
Civilian Labor Force	3,118	3,259	3,239	3,226
Participation Rate 1/	65.9	67.8	67.3	66.9
Employed	2,959	3,078	3,079	3,086
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.4	64.0	63.9	64.0
Unemployed	159	181	160	140
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.6	4.9	4.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.3	2.5	2.3	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

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Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

April 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: November 1986 to April 1987					
	Apr. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,148	181,363	181,547	181,827	181,998	182,179	182,344
Civilian Labor Force	117,292	118,675	118,586	119,034	119,349	119,222	119,335
Participation Rate 1/	65.1	65.4	65.3	65.5	65.6	65.4	65.4
Employed	108,969	110,432	110,637	111,011	111,382	111,368	111,835
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.5	60.9	60.9	61.1	61.2	61.1	61.3
Unemployed	8,323	8,243	7,949	8,023	7,967	7,854	7,500
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: February 1987 to April 1987		
	Apr. 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,148	181,998	182,179	182,344
Civilian Labor Force	116,317	117,967	118,353	118,347
Participation Rate 1/	64.6	64.8	65.0	64.9
Employed	108,201	109,464	110,229	111,041
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.1	60.1	60.5	60.9
Unemployed	8,115	8,503	8,124	7,306
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.2	6.9	6.2
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	3.2	3.0	INA*

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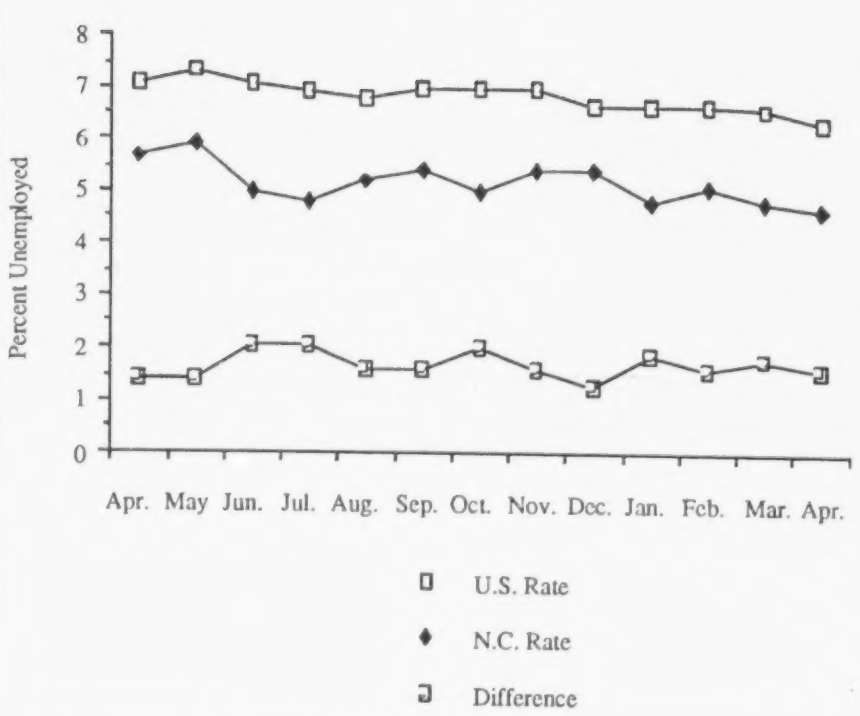
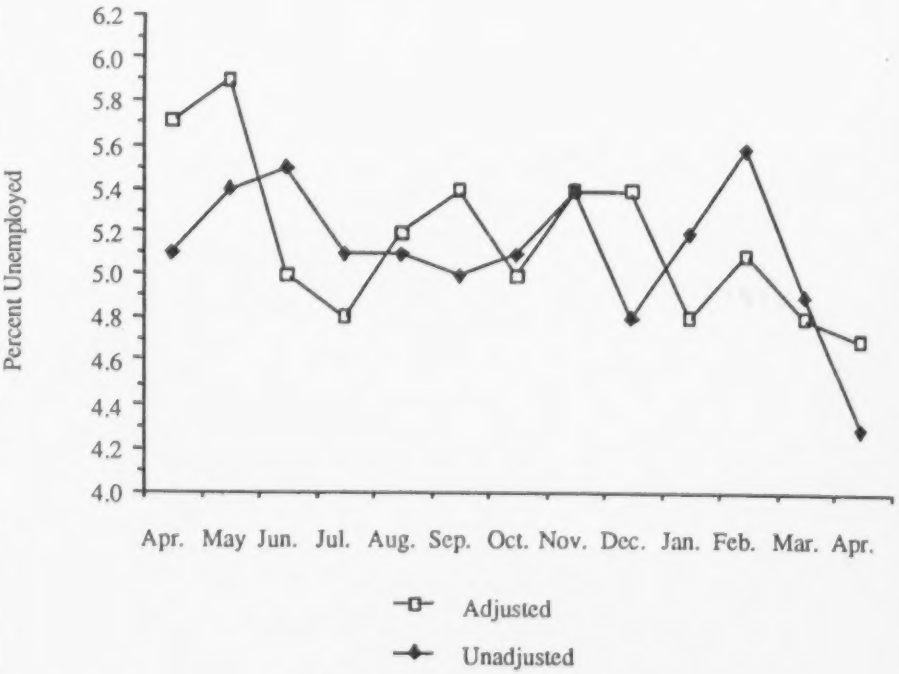


North Carolina Unemployment Rates

April 1986 - April 1987

(Adjusted and Unadjusted)



Industry Employment in North Carolina

April 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				March 1987		April 1986	
	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,225.5	3,238.9	3,118.2	- 13.4	- 0.4	+ 107.3	+ 3.4
Unemployment, Total	140.0	159.8	159.1	- 19.8	- 12.4	- 19.1	- 12.0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.3	4.9	5.1	- 0.6	—	- 0.8	—
Employment, Total	3,085.5	3,079.1	2,959.1	+ 6.4	+ 0.2	+ 126.4	+ 4.3
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,267.0	3,264.0	3,155.0	+ 3.0	+ 0.1	+ 112.0	+ 3.5
Unemployment, Total	155.0	157.0	174.0	- 2.0	- 1.3	- 19.0	- 10.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.7	4.8	5.5	- 0.1	—	- 0.8	—
Employment, Total	3,112.0	3,107.0	2,981.0	+ 5.0	+ 0.2	+ 131.0	+ 4.4
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,804.8	2,801.0	2,712.4	+ 3.8	+ 0.1	+ 92.4	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	841.7	843.3	828.6	- 1.6	- 0.2	+ 13.1	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	340.9	340.2	338.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.9	+ 0.9
Lumber & Wood	37.7	37.8	38.2	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.5	- 1.3
Furniture & Fixtures	87.4	87.1	83.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 3.7	+ 4.4
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.3	21.4	20.4	- 0.1	- 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Primary Metals	11.1	11.1	11.2	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 0.9
Fabricated Metals	26.6	26.6	26.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 0.7
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.5	56.2	56.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	- 0.2	- 0.4
Electrical Machinery	58.4	58.0	61.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	- 2.6	- 4.3
Transportation Equipment	24.9	24.9	23.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.4	+ 6.0
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.0	17.1	16.5	- 0.1	- 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.0

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

April 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				March 1987		April 1986	
	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Nondurable Goods	500.8	503.1	490.6	- 2.3	- 0.5	+ 10.2	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	47.1	47.3	46.5	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Tobacco Manufacturing	25.2	25.1	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 1.3	- 4.9
Textile Mill Products	216.0	217.5	208.7	- 1.5	- 0.7	+ 7.3	+ 3.5
Apparel & Related Products	90.2	91.0	88.7	- 0.8	- 0.9	+ 1.5	+ 1.7
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.9	21.8	- 0.1	- 0.5	0.0	0.0
Printing, Publishing, Allied Products	28.0	27.7	27.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.2	37.1	37.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 0.3	- 0.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	31.0	31.2	29.5	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 1.5	+ 5.1
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,963.1	1,957.7	1,883.8	+ 5.4	+ 0.3	+ 79.3	+ 4.2
Mining	4.8	4.9	4.7	- 0.1	- 2.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	165.1	163.7	156.9	+ 1.4	+ 0.9	+ 8.2	+ 5.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	133.3	133.8	131.7	- 0.5	- 0.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	72.3	72.7	72.0	- 0.4	- 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Serv.	56.8	56.9	54.9	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 1.9	+ 3.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	626.8	628.0	601.1	- 1.2	- 0.2	+ 25.7	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	144.7	143.8	142.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.6	+ 2.4	+ 1.7
Retail Trade	482.1	484.2	458.8	- 2.1	- 0.4	+ 23.3	+ 5.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	125.0	123.7	116.3	+ 1.3	+ 1.1	+ 8.7	+ 7.5
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	469.9	468.3	447.3	+ 1.6	+ 0.3	+ 22.6	+ 5.1
Total Government	438.2	435.3	425.8	+ 2.9	+ 0.7	+ 12.4	+ 2.9
Federal	52.9	52.7	52.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
State	127.7	126.1	123.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.3	+ 4.3	+ 3.5
Local	257.6	256.5	250.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 7.5	+ 3.0
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	250.3	247.5	239.2	+ 2.8	+ 1.1	+ 11.1	+ 4.6
Agriculture	49.6	40.3	53.3	+ 9.3	+23.1	- 3.7	- 6.9

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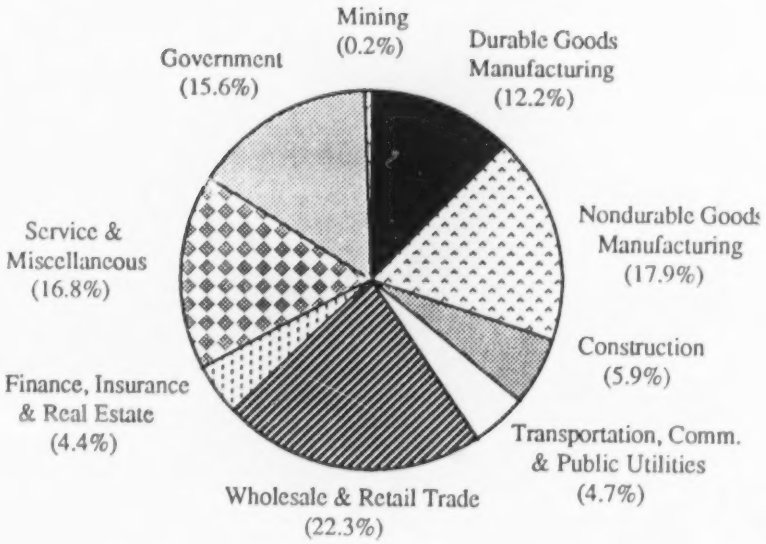

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

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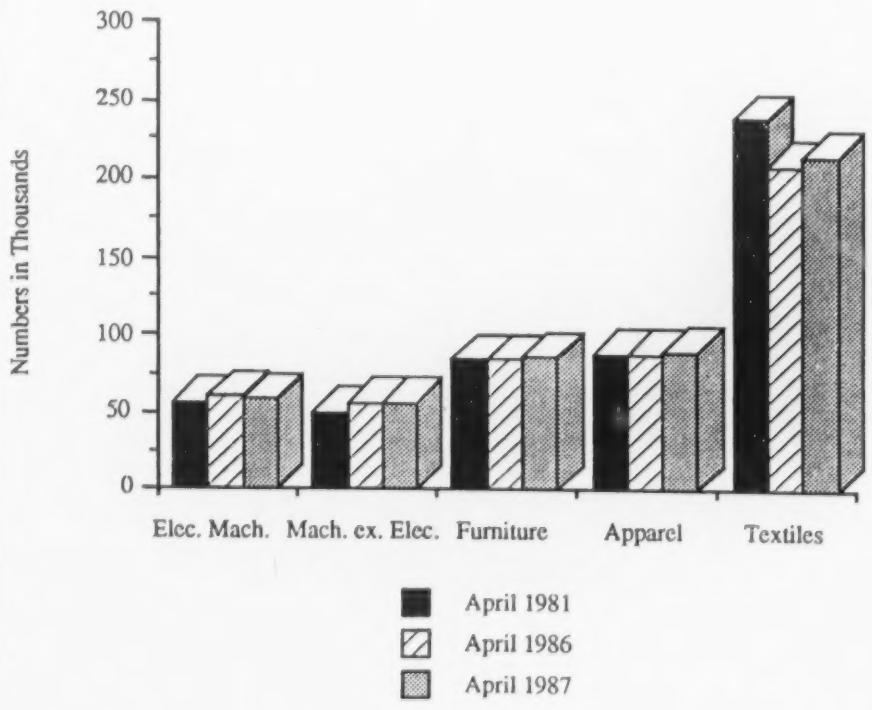

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

April 1987

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed: Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month: Numerical	Change From Previous Month: Percent
Total All Industries	2,635,144	44,695	1.7	- 15,986	- 26.3
Manufacturing Total	826,984	19,522	2.4	- 4,224	- 17.8
Food Products	46,964	1,273	2.7	- 525	- 29.2
Tobacco	24,487	1,358	5.5	+ 77	+ 6.0
Textile Products	212,454	4,469	2.1	- 305	- 6.4
Apparel Products	85,020	4,096	4.8	- 467	- 10.3
Lumber and Wood	37,750	1,177	3.1	- 614	- 34.3
Furniture and Fixtures	84,020	1,113	1.3	- 348	- 23.8
Paper and Allied	21,898	220	1.0	- 35	- 13.7
Printing and Publishing	27,548	282	1.0	- 54	- 16.1
Chemicals and Allied	38,191	332	0.9	- 54	- 14.0
Rubber and Plastics	30,616	533	1.7	- 151	- 22.1
Leather Products	3,671	93	2.5	- 44	- 32.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	19,990	403	2.0	- 287	- 41.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	37,331	727	1.9	- 249	- 25.5
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,626	931	1.6	- 371	- 28.5
Electrical and Electronic Machinery	59,726	1,648	2.8	- 633	- 27.8
Transportation Equipment	23,200	533	2.3	- 115	- 17.7
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,492	334	1.9	- 49	- 12.8
Construction	154,537	6,554	4.2	- 5,086	- 43.7
Transportation, Comm. and Utilities	127,984	1,207	0.9	- 497	- 29.2
Trade	610,799	6,487	1.1	- 2,379	- 26.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	114,444	849	0.7	- 203	- 19.3
Services	408,347	3,746	0.9	- 1,295	- 25.7
State Government	111,840	767	0.7	- 243	- 24.1
Local Government	251,799	1,304	0.5	- 442	- 25.3
Other 3/	----	4,259	----	- 1,617	- 27.5

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission
Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

April 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	10,329	10,094	318	8	1,163
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	388	386	0	0	9
Clerical Occupations	1,356	1,336	9	1	38
Sales Occupations	376	375	0	0	3
Domestic Service Occupations	130	78	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,713	1,691	1	0	14
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	514	403	275	0	16
Processing Occupations	639	640	6	0	6
Machine Trade Occupations	1,461	1,461	1	1	34
Benchwork Occupations	1,735	1,726	0	0	5
Structural Work Occupations	1,541	1,492	6	3	997
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	283	265	5	1	16
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,953	1,782	16	2	63
Miscellaneous Occupations	37	32	0	0	0

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.
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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

April 1987 1/

Manufac-turing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,936	391	1,948	150	2,153	331	517
56	5	63	9	163	82	142
228	129	470	83	330	114	145
12	11	293	9	47	2	2
0	0	2	0	73	3	8
118	8	706	9	841	52	113
11	5	24	14	52	8	22
607	0	15	0	9	0	4
1,310	12	29	0	79	5	7
1,547	2	28	0	155	0	3
321	14	63	16	106	47	44
42	69	89	0	41	13	14
1,067	140	219	8	329	2	12
11	1	3	2	10	5	6

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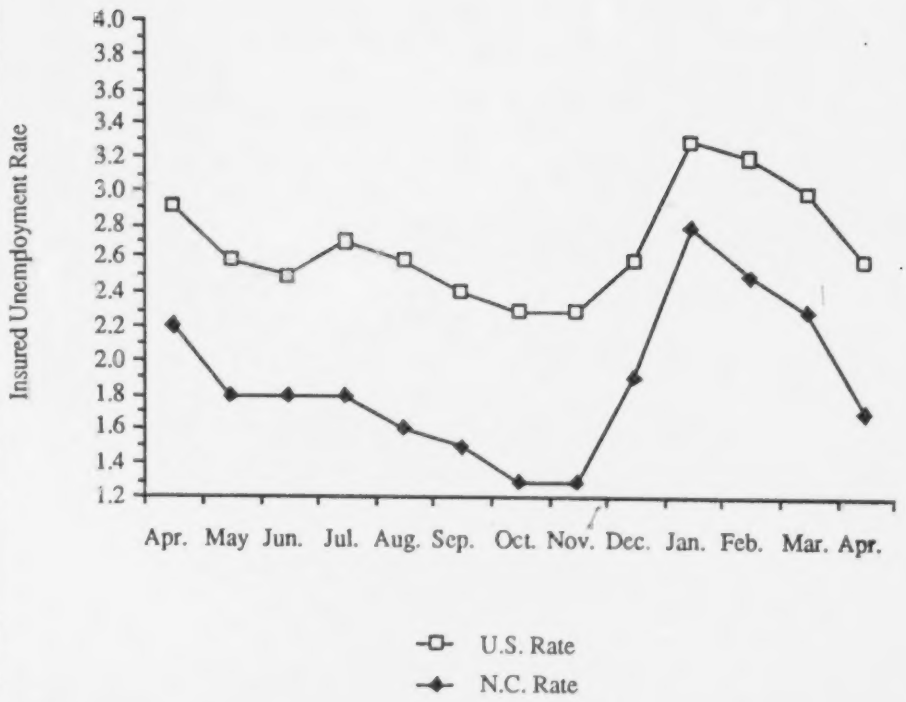

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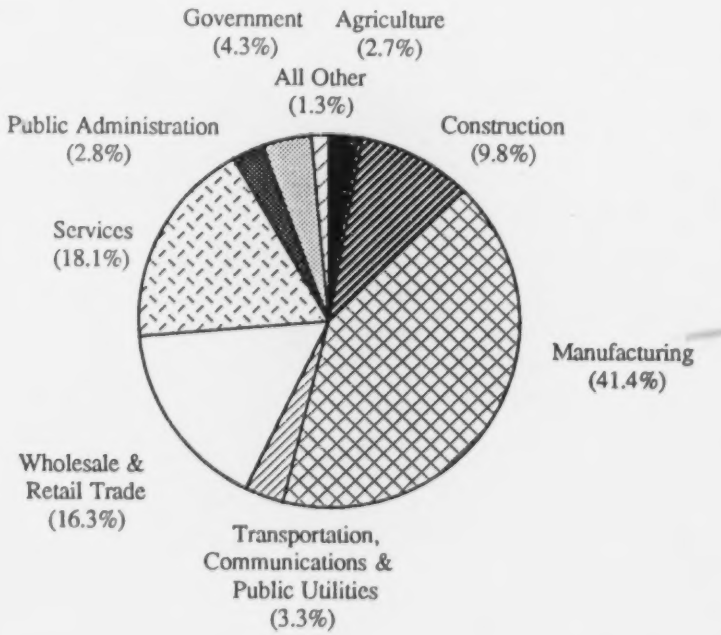

APPENDIX

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina April 1987 1/ (Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr. 1986	Percent Change From: Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,807.1	2,787.1	2,713.8	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	839.7	838.5	826.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	340.3	339.3	337.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Lumber and Wood Products	37.4	37.4	37.9	0.0	- 1.3
Furniture and Fixtures	87.8	87.1	84.1	+ 0.8	+ 4.4
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.1	21.1	20.2	0.0	+ 4.5
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.1	11.2	0.0	- 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.4	26.6	0.0	- 0.8
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.3	56.0	56.5	+ 0.5	- 0.4
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	57.9	58.1	60.5	- 0.3	- 4.3
Transportation Equipment	25.2	25.1	23.8	+ 0.4	+ 5.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	17.0	16.5	0.0	+ 3.0
Nondurable Goods	499.4	499.2	488.9	**	+ 2.1
Food and Kindred Products	46.4	46.4	45.8	0.0	+ 1.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.1	23.7	24.3	- 2.5	- 4.9
Textile Mill Products	217.1	216.4	209.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	89.9	90.1	88.4	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Paper and Allied Products	21.8	22.0	21.8	- 0.9	0.0
Printing and Publishing	28.2	28.1	27.2	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.3	37.2	37.6	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.2	31.0	29.7	+ 0.6	+ 5.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,967.4	1,949.2	1,887.6	+ 0.9	+ 4.2
Mining	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	163.0	158.6	154.9	+ 2.8	+ 5.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	133.0	133.3	131.4	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	72.2	72.5	71.9	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.8	56.8	54.9	0.0	+ 3.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	620.6	616.6	595.2	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	143.3	142.6	141.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Retail Trade	477.3	474.0	454.2	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	124.5	122.8	115.8	+ 1.4	+ 7.5
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	471.8	466.4	449.1	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	25.8	25.3	25.9	+ 2.0	- 0.4
Total Government	449.6	446.8	436.6	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Federal	52.7	52.4	52.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
State	131.9	130.2	127.3	+ 1.3	+ 3.6
Local	265.0	264.1	257.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.0

* Revised.
** Less than .05 percent.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

April 1987 2/

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$313.84	$321.26	$301.44	40.6	41.4	40.3	$ 7.73	$ 7.76	$ 7.48
DURABLE GOODS	328.41	335.27	314.61	41.0	41.7	40.7	8.01	8.04	7.73
Lumber & Wood Products	273.38	278.78	265.20	40.5	41.3	40.8	6.75	6.75	6.50
Furniture & Fixtures	279.89	290.09	268.23	39.7	40.8	39.1	7.05	7.11	6.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	358.66	359.55	345.17	41.9	42.3	42.3	8.56	8.50	8.16
Primary Metal Industries	383.30	395.85	375.62	42.4	43.5	42.3	9.04	9.10	8.88
Fabricated Metal Industries	354.60	357.28	330.48	40.9	41.4	40.6	8.67	8.63	8.14
Machinery, exc. Electrical	381.31	391.57	344.40	42.7	43.8	41.0	8.93	8.94	8.40
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	372.19	372.94	362.37	41.4	41.3	41.7	8.99	9.03	8.69
Transportation Equipment	364.23	378.45	360.82	42.5	43.6	42.6	8.57	8.68	8.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	304.67	313.05	292.80	40.3	41.3	40.0	7.56	7.58	7.32
Food & Kindred Products	261.58	263.84	266.78	37.8	37.8	39.7	6.92	6.98	6.72
Tobacco Manufacturers	552.92	560.98	495.97	36.4	37.7	35.2	15.19	14.88	14.09
Textile Mill Products	283.30	294.12	270.19	41.6	43.0	41.0	6.81	6.84	6.59
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	199.56	208.29	197.25	37.3	38.5	37.5	5.35	5.41	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	501.03	493.71	496.69	44.3	44.2	43.8	11.31	11.17	11.34
Printing & Publishing	349.27	351.34	335.81	39.2	39.3	39.6	8.91	8.94	8.48
Chemicals & Allied Products	450.06	446.16	414.96	43.4	42.9	42.3	10.37	10.40	9.81
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	372.37	391.76	369.15	40.3	41.5	40.7	9.24	9.44	9.07
MINING	375.42	391.44	391.88	44.8	46.6	47.5	8.38	8.40	8.25
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	511.60	509.96	490.98	41.9	41.8	42.0	12.21	12.20	11.69
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	209.62	206.40	204.64	32.6	32.3	32.9	6.43	6.39	6.22
Wholesale Trade	334.80	328.75	322.36	40.0	39.8	39.7	8.37	8.26	8.12
Retail Trade	175.64	172.74	171.43	30.6	30.2	31.0	5.74	5.72	5.53
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	142.03	141.55	142.29	29.9	29.8	30.6	4.75	4.75	4.65

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

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(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Manufacturing	664.7	664.3	654.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	256.5	255.9	255.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	31.8	31.8	32.5	0.0	- 2.2
Furniture and Fixtures	76.8	76.3	74.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.0	17.0	16.4	0.0	+ 3.7
Primary Metal Industries	8.1	8.2	8.3	- 1.2	- 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	19.8	19.8	19.8	0.0	0.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.4	28.3	28.9	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	41.4	41.7	43.7	- 0.7	- 5.3
Transportation Equipment	20.3	20.3	19.2	0.0	+ 5.7
Nondurable Goods	408.3	408.4	399.3	**	+ 2.3
Food and Kindred Products	32.7	32.8	32.4	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.7	18.2	18.3	- 2.7	- 3.3
Textile Mill Products	191.9	191.3	185.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Apparel and Other Textile Products	78.2	78.6	77.5	- 0.5	+ 0.9
Paper and Allied Products	16.4	16.5	16.4	- 0.6	0.0
Printing and Publishing	17.6	17.5	16.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.3	24.7	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.7	25.5	24.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.8
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	- 2.7

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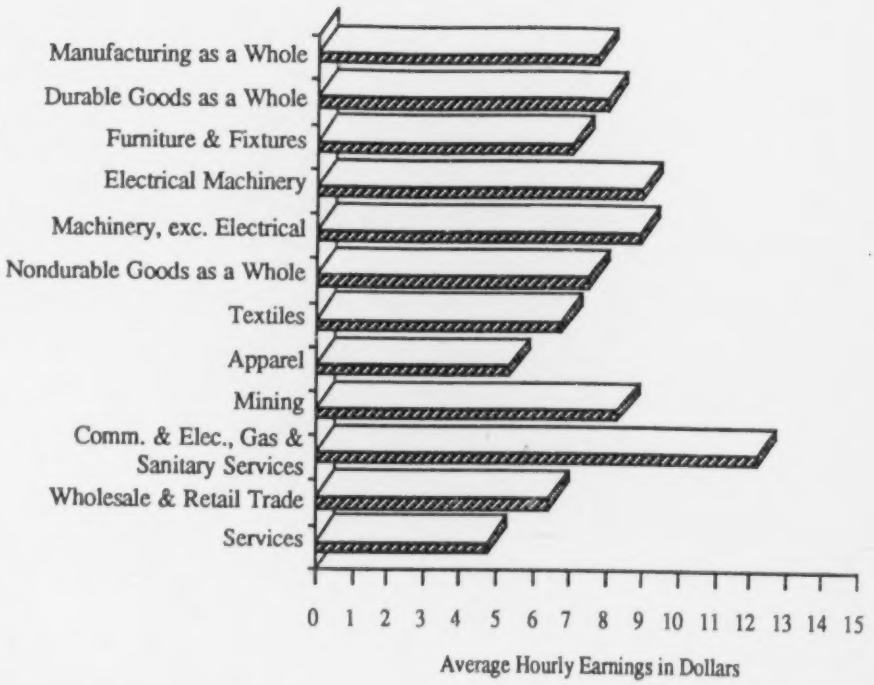
2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

April 1987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Durable Goods as a Whole
Furniture & Fixtures
Electrical Machinery
Machinery, exc. Electrical
Nondurable Goods as a Whole
Textiles
Apparel
Mining
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services
Wholesale & Retail Trade
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Average Hourly Earnings in Dollars

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared to the North Carolina Average

April 1987